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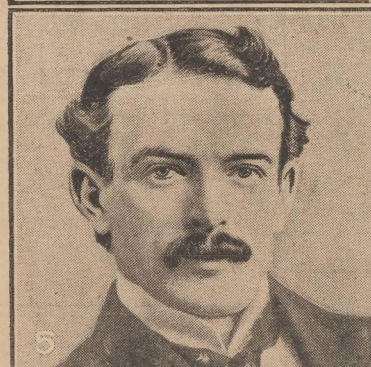
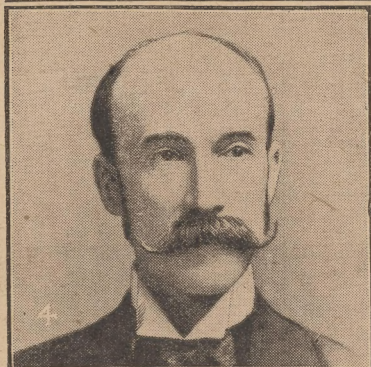
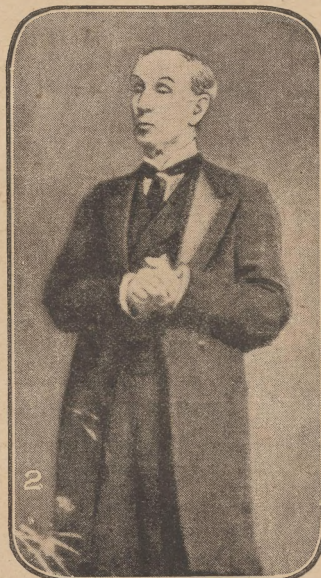
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PARLIAMENT DISSOLVED—LAST NIGHT'S SPEECHES.



On the King's arrival at Buckingham Palace yesterday afternoon he had an interview with Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, and Parliament was dissolved. No. 1 is a photograph of the Houses of Parliament, with portraits of the King and the Premier inset. Last night many important speeches were made in all parts of the country. (2) Mr. John Morley, Secretary of State for India, spoke at Montrose. (3) Mr. Chamberlain addressed a meeting at Wednesbury. (4) The

Marquis of Lansdowne, late Foreign Secretary, spoke at Manchester. (5) Mr. Lloyd-George, President of the Board of Trade, attended a meeting at Darlington. (6) Mr. John Burns, President of the Local Government Board, addressed a meeting at Derby. (7) Mr. Birrell, President of the Board of Education, was at Gloucester. (8) Mr. Asquith, Chancellor of the Exchequer, spoke at Huddersfield.—(Photographs by Winter, Elliott and Fry, and Russell and Sons.)

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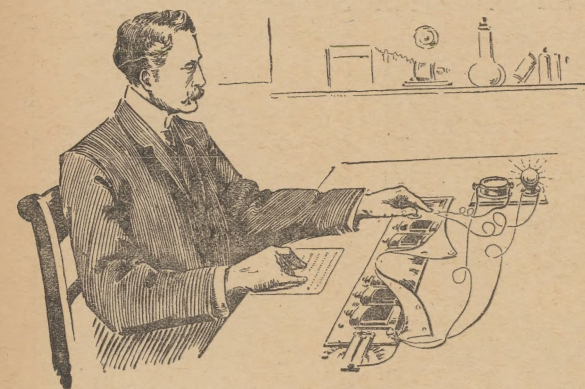
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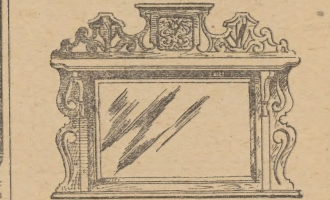
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PARLIAMENT DISSOLVED.

Proclamation Signed by the
King at Buckingham Palace.

WRITS ISSUED.

New Parliament To Assemble on
Tuesday, February 13.

Parliament was dissolved yesterday afternoon, and last evening the writs authorising the election of new members were delivered to the various London boroughs.

Writs will be received in many cases in the country by the first post this morning.

A considerable number of boroughs will poll on Saturday, but in the majority of urban constituencies the elections will take place on Monday and the remainder on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Parliament is summoned to meet for the dispatch of business on Tuesday, February 13, the date fore-shadowed by the *Daily Mirror* three weeks ago.

THE DISSOLUTION COUNCIL.

The momentous Council was held in one of the smaller state apartments at Buckingham Palace, and lasted in all about half an hour.

It was not marked by any special ceremonial, and the Councillors did not appear in uniform, as they occasionally do.

The King and his Councillors wore morning-dress.

Although there was so little to see, a considerable crowd collected at the Palace gates to witness the arrival of Ministers, and several kudos were brought into operation as they passed in.

The Council proper was a small one, but eight new members attended for formal admission to their new dignity.

The Councillors for the main business of the day were the Earl of Creve, Lord President of the Council; Lord Althorp, Lord Chamberlain; Lord Tweedmouth, First Lord of the Admiralty, and Sir Arthur Hayter, with Mr. Fitzroy, Clerk of the Council.

The members attending to be sworn were the Earl of Liverpool, the Earl of Sefton, Earl Beauchamp, Mr. R. K. Causton, Mr. Thomas Shaw, Mr. Burt, and Sir Walter Foster.

Mr. J. E. Ellis was also present for formal admission, but as he is a Quaker he affirmed instead of being sworn—the first occasion since the admission of John Bright on which a Privy Councillor has affirmed. Mr. Labouchere and Mr. Edmund Robertson were also summoned, but the former is in Florence and the latter is unwell, so that their formal admission was perforce deferred.

The Earl of Sefton, a Quaker of the House, exercised for the first time his privilege of using a royal carriage, and drove to the Palace in one of the King's pair-horse broughams. Lord Tweedmouth, almost alone among the Councillors to arrive on foot, walked in shortly before half-past three.

This was the time fixed for the meeting, but the Council was complete well in advance of the half-hour. The King was punctual.

SEALING THE PROCLAMATION.

The proclamations requiring his signature were all in readiness, so that only a stroke of the pen was needed to deprive the 670 members of the House of Commons of their membership. His Majesty signed "Edward R. and L."

The King signed a further proclamation directing the election of the Scottish representative peers.

These and other matters relative to the dissolution of Parliament and the election of a successor having been disposed of and the new Councillors sworn and affirmed respectively, the proceedings closed. The royal proclamation was then sealed with the Great Seal.

The Crown Office proceeded with the issue of its writs forthwith, all the documents being ready for dispatch.

DATES OF ELECTIONS.

The limits of the date of an election may be seen from the following table:—

BOROUGHS.

Receipt of writ	Jan. 9
First day of nomination	Jan. 12
Last day of nomination	Jan. 13
First polling day	Jan. 13
Last polling day	Jan. 18

COUNTIES.

Receipt of writ	Jan. 9
First nomination day	Jan. 13
Last nomination day	Jan. 19
First polling day	Jan. 17
Last polling day	Jan. 27

The only exception is in the case of Orkney and Shetland.

LAST NIGHT'S SPEECHES.

Torrent of Bitter Sayings from Ministers and ex-Ministers,
but Less Rowdiness Than Usual.

A large number of speeches were made by Ministers and ex-Ministers last night. There was little rowdiness, the only marked disorder being at Mr. Arnold-Forster's meeting at Croydon, which was broken up by roughs.

Mr. Chamberlain struck the personal note in a speech delivered last night in the Theatre Royal, Wednesday, on behalf of the Unionist candidate, Mr. Bird.

He explained his conversion to the doctrine of protection.

He had never made any concealment of the fact that he, as a young man, was brought up in a free trade theory, and for many years he saw no reason whatever to change that view. But, after all, he was not really so obstinate and pigheaded as not to change an opinion when the circumstances changed.

He was inclined to think that for thirty years, nearly, after free trade was introduced he was not disinclined to say how it was the best policy for this country, but in the early 'seventies the whole situation changed, and from that time to the present day he thought he had had many reasons to review our old conclusions.

GIVEN UP PETTY AMBITIONS.

His opponents delighted in imputing motives. They said: "You have some interest in this matter."

"Well," said Mr. Chamberlain, "what interest was it that led me to give up a great office of which I was proud—(cheers)—and the power and influence which that office gave me? What personal interest was it that anyone could find or invent?"

No, they at Wednesday, at any rate, would do better than that. They would not impute motives. They would assume that others desired the welfare of the country, and those who felt that strongly would be the first to admit that, whether he was right or whether he was wrong in the policy which he put before them, it was only because he was deeply impressed that it was necessary, because he wanted as the last act of his public and political life to do something which should be remembered long afterwards.

He had given up those petty ambitions in order to take up a much greater and a much more important issue.

MR. BALFOUR'S TWO SPEECHES.

Mr. Balfour delivered two big speeches last night in his constituency of East Manchester.

In the first he addressed himself mainly to the question of Chinese labour.

He said he was of opinion that no greater crime had been committed by the members of the present Government than the pretension they had made on this subject.

If the Conservatives had been guilty of introducing slavery into any portion of the Empire there was no condemnation too severe to be passed upon them. If, however, the South African system was considered slavery then he argued Liberals were equally, if not more, to blame.

The present Liberal leader of the House of Lords, Lord Ripon, consolidated all the laws relating to indentured labour in British Guiana. The conditions there were worse than in South Africa. Liberals did not intend to alter the existing system—they dare not.

The second speech was delivered at the Bradford Temperance Hall.

TEN TROUBLOUS YEARS.

The Prime Minister, he said, seemed to think that during the past ten years the Conservatives had had an easy task with foreign nations—that no great difficulties had been surmounted; and the fact that they had passed through these ten years without any war with a civilised European Power was a mere happy accident which they did not deserve by their own control and management of public affairs, and that it was a kind of good fortune which Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman might expect to have.

He (Mr. Balfour) doubted that. If great reductions were possible in the Navy and Army without a diminution of their strength on which this Empire depended, no one would welcome them more than himself.

To the Irish manifesto he said it implied unquestionably that something unknown was to be done in respect to the government of Ireland which would be a step in the direction of Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule.

He (Mr. Balfour) was conscious that he was addressing many trade-unionists, and he appealed earnestly for their support.

He was not a protectionist and not in the direction of protection, but he thought that should he be happy enough to represent that constituency for some years to come, and address a meeting of which trade-unionists would form a large portion of his audience, they would denounce him for not being a protectionist.

In every other country in the world trade-unionists were the most protectionist of mankind,

and he would not guarantee that the members of that great organisation would not denounce him ten years hence for not being a protectionist with the same vigour as they accused him at present of being a protectionist.

Mr. Balfour has arranged to speak at Glasgow on January 17, the eve of the poll.

MR. BURNS'S STRONG LANGUAGE.

Mr. John Burns, at Derby last night, said Mr. Chamberlain went further than Jack Cade, and outstripped all the political bribers from Cade to Mr. Jesse Collings.

Mr. Chamberlain had said that one million able-bodied men were in our workhouses, whereas the number was only 214,000, and out of that number only 7,615 were able-bodied men. Add to these 2,900 in Ireland and 2,000 in Scotland, and they would find Mr. Chamberlain to be 900,000 wrong in a million.

A large part of Mr. Burns's speech was devoted to personal references to Mr. Chamberlain. On Saturday evening, he said, Mr. Chamberlain had described him (Mr. Burns) as talking about himself. That night he proposed to change his subject and talk about Mr. Chamberlain.

When dealing with the unemployed question, however, Mr. Burns got back to himself, reminding his hearers that he himself had known what it was to lack work.

It was a pathetic question, but more pathetic still was the spectacle of the woman and girl—sort of industrial Andromeda—tied to the rock of low wages, alternating between a state of semi-starvation, the crumbs of charity, and the loaf of lust.

Mr. Burns concluded a two hours' speech by predicting that Mr. Chamberlain was in the nether kingdom of depression and defeat.

SHOULD LORD LANSDOWNE SPEAK?

Although peers are supposed, according to the Sessional Orders of Parliament, to take no part in political proceedings at election times, Lord Lansdowne addressed a crowded meeting in the Free Trade Hall at Manchester last night.

Mr. Balfour, he said, was justified in handing in his resignation at the moment he did, and they had forced their critics to come into the open.

In the ensuing elections fiscal reform must be put in the forefront. It should be discussed with an open mind.

MR. MORLEY'S ISSUE.

"Every vote given against the Government is a vote for a tax on food, a restriction of the supply of food, and a rise in the price of food."

This is Mr. John Morley's interpretation of the issue of the election, as given in his address to the Montrose electors, published last night.

"It is," he says, "the deepest and most far-reaching question in its effects upon the future of the nation since the great struggle of 1832."

WHY MR. BRYCE GOES TO IRELAND

Mr. Bryce, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, speaking at Aberdeen last night, said the Irish people ought to get a far larger share of the management of their affairs to produce confidence in the law and make them feel the Government of Ireland was their Government in the same sense as the British Government was the Government of the British people. That could be safely, moderately, and temperately done, and it was for that he was going to Ireland.

MR. ARNOLD-FORSTER SHOUTED DOWN.

A meeting held last night at Thornton Heath in support of the candidature of Mr. Arnold-Forster was of a riotous character. Mr. Arnold-Forster complained of the interruption of an organised body of Liberal opponents, but for an hour stood his ground amid great uproar and confusion. He pointed out in a disgusted tone that last Friday Mr. Lloyd-George was given a perfectly fair hearing in that constituency.

Another adverse vote was carried against Mr. Gerald Balfour at his last night's meeting in Leeds.

"I regard protection as a national danger to Great Britain," says Sir Edward Grey in his address to the electors of Berwick-on-Tweed.

"I am not, if returned for Poplar," said the Postmaster-General last night, "going to support a measure of Home Rule in the coming Parliament."

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, who had recovered somewhat from his recent attack of sciatica, but who limped badly and looked pale, addressed a meeting of his constituents in East Worcestershire last night.

THE SCRAMBLE FOR ASIA.

Chinese Negotiations with Great
Britain Regarding Tibet.

RUSSIA'S CLAIMS.

MARSEILLES, Monday.—The journal "Echo de Chine," which arrived this afternoon at Marseilles by the steamer Ionkin, contains the following news from the Far East, emanating from Chinese sources:—

The Chinese Government has continued to examine with Great Britain four proposals regarding Tibet:—

1. Tibet will be subject to China. No other nation shall concern itself with Tibetan affairs.

2. China and Great Britain shall together have rights over Tibet, but Great Britain shall have no authority over the administration of Tibet.

3. Great Britain shall never send troops to Tibet, and other foreign nations shall observe the same rule.

4. China shall pay to Great Britain the sums expended by the British in fighting the mutineers of Tibet.

It is said that these sums amount to 2,000,000 taels.

RIGHTS IN MANCHURIA.

On the conclusion of the Manchurian conferences the Russian Minister will begin conferences with China on certain proposals relative to Manchuria, which are as follow:—

1. Russia shall have rights over the whole of Manchuria, and China shall admit this and embody it in a Russo-Chinese treaty.

2. China shall obtain in Manchuria the same rights as Japan.

3. China shall correct the articles of the treaty regarding Kiakhta and grant to the Russians rights over Manchuria.

It is stated that the authorities will do their utmost to reject these demands.—Reuter.

RAILWAY QUOTES SCRIPTURE.

Light Side of the Contest: Abolition of "Free Passes" in America.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, Monday.—According to messages from America to the "New York Herald," legislators of many States are moving for reprisals against the railroads for abolishing passes.

The New York State officials are especially incensed against the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, which is likely to experience hostile legislation.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has mailed to former recipients of passes a printed card saying:—"Scripture versus Passes.—Thou shalt not pass.—Numbers xx., 18. 'He paid the fare and went.'—Jonah i., 3."

NATIONAL MASSACRE PROTEST.

All Creeds and Classes Represented at a Queen's Hall Meeting on Behalf of the Jews in Russia.

Leading representatives of all creeds and classes met at the Queen's Hall last evening to protest against the massacres of the Jews in Russia.

Lord Rothschild presided, and on the platform also were the Archbishop of Westminster, the Chief Rabbi, the Bishop of Ripon, Viscount Milner, the Lord Mayor, and many others.

Resolutions were passed proclaiming "indignation and horror at the massacres," and copies are to be forwarded to the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary.

MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

Lord Ritchie was seized on Saturday with a paralytic stroke while staying with Lord Dudley at Biarritz.

The cruiser Euryalus has arrived at Portsmouth on the conclusion of a two years' commission as flagship of the Australian Squadron.

Princess Henry of Battenberg and Princess Ena arrived in Paris at ten minutes to seven last evening, and were met at the Gare du Nord by Sir Francis Bertie, the British Ambassador.

The United States Government has been informed from San Domingo that President Morales has offered to resign on condition that he is allowed to leave the country unmolested.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Our special weather forecast for to-day is:—Fair and frosty, with fog in places at first; unsettled later, with rain in most districts by afternoon or evening; wintery breezes.
Lighting-up time, 5.19 p.m.
Sea passages will be smooth to moderate in the south and east, becoming rough in the west.

THE KING'S LOST LUNCHEON.

Motor-Car Scurry to Chatsworth for a Forgotten Hamper.

King Edward, Queen Alexandra, and Princess Victoria very nearly had to go without their lunch yesterday.

It happened in this way. Their Majesties concluded their visit to Chatsworth yesterday morning, and drove to Rowsley Station on the Great Midland, accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. The royal party entered the special train, and the good-byes were being said, when there was a sudden commotion amongst the servants. The cause of their concern was at once communicated to the chief members of the royal suite—the lunch had been forgotten.

What was to be done? Their Majesties and Princess Victoria could not travel the 149 miles to St. Pancras without food. But it would never do to delay the start from Rowsley for more than a few very minutes, for King Edward had to be present at the meeting of the Privy Council at 3.30 to sign the proclamation for the dissolution of Parliament.

No time was wasted. The only thing to do was to send a motor-car in hot haste back to Chatsworth, though it is three miles distant from Rowsley Station. The King took the countess as a good joke, and chatted smilingly with the Chatsworth house-party while they waited anxiously for the return of the motor-car.

So little time was lost in making the journey to Chatsworth and back that the train was only nine minutes behind the scheduled time in leaving Rowsley. The engine-driver and fireman did not spare themselves in attempting to make up the lost time, and their efforts were successful, for the royal train came to a standstill in St. Pancras Station at half-past two to the second, having made up the nine minutes on the way.

FRENCH QUARREL WITH GERMANY.

Bowdlerised Version of the Dispute Published by the Government in Berlin.

Yesterday the German White-book regarding the Moroccan dispute was issued.

It proves to be rather a disappointing document, but, to quote the legendary Irishman, that is just what was expected. All the more important documents which passed between France and Germany have been retained for future publication—if necessary.

The object of the German Government in publishing the dispatches contained in the book is obviously—

(1) To show that at a certain social gathering M. Delcassé made a communication with regard to the Anglo-French agreement, which, besides being irregular from the diplomatic point of view, was incomplete and unofficial.

(2) That M. Delcassé's aim was the "Tunisification" of Morocco.

(3) That the French Envoy, M. St. René Taillandier sought for himself a European mandate, or, at least, that the Maghzen placed such a construction upon his statements.

RUSH OF VISITORS TO OLD CAIRO.

Roses Killed by Unusual Severe Weather in the Gardens Round Cairo.

Although Cairo at present is colder than London or Paris, the rush to Egypt is greater than ever. Prince Charles of Sweden is on his way, and so is the Duke of Argyll. Lord de Clifford is staying at the Savoy in Cairo, and Mr. and Lady Victoria Macchell arrived on the 28th of last month.

Yet in many places in the land of the Pharaohs the thermometer has registered from two to five degrees of frost. The summit of Mount Athakee, near Suez, is covered with snow, and many roses have been killed by frost in the gardens round Cairo.

HOTEL CLOSED BY A FLOOD.

Water Rose So Rapidly That People Had To Beat a Hasty Retreat.

The low-lying parts of Northwich, Cheshire, have been flooded. So rapidly did the water rise in the Turk's Head, in the centre of the town, that those in the premises had to beat a hasty retreat and close the hostelry.

Rough weather is being experienced at sea. A Bristol coal-vessel has foundered off Avonmouth, and it is feared that the crew of four men have been lost.

ANOTHER STORES SCANDAL ARREST.

Another arrest in connection with the Army Stores scandal took place yesterday—that of a staff-sergeant of the Army Service Corps at Lucknow Barracks, Tidworth, near Salisbury.

SIDELIGHTS ON THE ELECTION.

Interesting and Diverting Incidents of the Campaign—Mrs. Horner Kisses a Navy.

A remarkable story of how Mrs. Fred Horner kissed a workman yesterday in order to get votes for her husband is being told in North Lambeth political circles.

The following version was given to the *Daily Mirror* by Mrs. Horner herself:—

About forty or fifty workmen in the southern part of the constituency had just stopped work for lunch, when Mrs. Horner drove up in her carriage. Immediately they crowded around her.

"Will you give us a kiss if we all vote for your husband?" asked one of the bolder ones.

"Which one is foreman?" asked Mrs. Horner, always equal to the emergency. A clean, healthy workman stepped forward.

"Smack!" resounded Mrs. Horner's salute. "Now just pass that around. I am not going to kiss you all."

Mr. Fred Horner seemed greatly pleased at his wife's action, and was in the best of spirits.

"I expect to poll over 2,000 votes," said Mr. Horner, who has made a careful house-to-house canvass.

An Expert's Forecast.

Figures furnished the *Daily Mirror*, however, by a man in Lambeth politics for twenty-eight years, and who last election came within eleven votes of predicting the correct result, place Mr. Horner far behind the other candidates in polling strength. These are:—

Myers (Liberal)	1,344
Gastrell (Conservative)	1,256
Naoorji (Liberal and Labour)	602
Horner (Conservative)	443
	3,655

The *Daily Mirror* makes no prediction. The total electors are between 6,000 and 7,000, but not more than 60 per cent. will vote.

Mr. Horatio Myers, seen by the *Daily Mirror*, said he expected to poll over 3,000 votes.

"I have over 150 persons at work for me, and they report excellent prospects. There is a big Liberal gain in this district."

Mr. Naoorji is equally sanguine. "I have been personally in the homes of 6,000 electors," said he, yesterday.

"I have been working in all kinds of weather for over two years, and as it has been hard, honest work, my friends tell me I deserve success."

Major Gastrell also expects victory. His agent said yesterday he expected fully 3,000 votes. The Major has working for him about twenty women, including his wife and two daughters. All are parading the streets, wearing large red and white rosettes.

Mr. and Mrs. Horner moved into the York Hotel, Waterlood-road, yesterday, and "are putting up a fine show of their life."

Mr. Horner was among his constituents yesterday morning at 6.25 a.m., and last night scarcely slept at all.

There is some talk of the Labour Party putting a candidate in the field.

MR. HORNER'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Fred Horner has made another score in the fight for North Lambeth. He has succeeded in issuing his election address.

In a recital of the benefits he has conferred on the constituency, Mr. Horner says: "When Mr. Horner and myself presented the North Lambeth Conservative Club to all good Conservatives (which you have been kind enough to appreciate) it was but as a small token of what I considered one of my many duties to my constituents."

The present Government he describes as "steeped to the neck in the swamp of disintegration of the United Kingdom." His Unionist opponent is stigmatised as "a stranger flying my colours."

"His apparent aim," concludes Mr. Horner, "is to obtain every advantage from my expenditure and work in the constituency, without himself having previously spent a penny in money or an hour in time; his interference at the last moment, seeing the hopelessness of his position, can only serve the interests of the Radicals in their desperate endeavours to reduce my majority. Is this fair play?"

Mr. Horner has also issued a small handbill, in which he advises electors as follows:—

"If you want our country respected by foreign nations, re-elect Fred Horner, your popular member for six years."

MISUSING THE KING'S CROWN.

The King's crown is the King's crown, and no one but the King has any right whatever to use or display it in any way.

Mr. Coningsby Disraeli, who used an "Imperial" crown upon a new year's card to his constituents, made the following astounding statement at a meeting on Saturday night: "I have a perfect right, as has anybody else, to use the emblem, which is not a royal but an Imperial emblem. I

have a perfect right to put that crown on my card, seeing that it was my great ancestor who put an Imperial crown on the throne."

The *Daily Mirror* communicated that statement to the College of Heralds, and asked a high official his opinion about it.

"It is absolute nonsense," replied that gentleman emphatically. "His Majesty alone has the right to use the crown, which is the emblem of royalty, and anyone else who claims the right is guilty of an act of assumption. 'Moreover, it is sheer rubbish to say that Lord Beaconsfield—or, rather, Mr. Benjamin Disraeli—put an Imperial crown upon the throne. There is no such thing as an 'Imperial crown.' The crown with the high arches, which Mr. Coningsby Disraeli calls an 'Imperial crown,' was in use centuries before Lord Beaconsfield was born, and the crown with depressed arches is only of eighteenth century design. It is a mere difference of design, and has no difference of symbolism."

As a matter of fact, Lord Knollys has written, in answer to an elector in the Altrincham Division of Cheshire, to say that the King deprecates the introduction of his name, or of the emblems appertaining to him, into political posters or placards, and it is understood that Mr. Disraeli's statement was made in consequence of this letter.

THE SOCIALIST COUNTESS.

Stylishly attired, with a large picture-hat containing long scarlet feathers and roses, the Countess of Warwick has been a great attraction at several meetings at Burnley, to which the members of her sex have flocked by the hundreds to see her and hear her speak.

The Countess has a motor-car with her, in which she and Mr. Hyndman and Mr. D. L. Fry are driven to the different meetings. She invariably addresses her audiences as "My friends," and says she has no compunction in doing so. "I love Burnley," she states, "and am not going away, and have sent my friend, Mrs. Brydges Adams, to take my place at Grimsby."

SIR C. DILKE'S UNIQUE ADDRESS.

The following is the text of Sir Charles Dilke's address to the electors of the Forest of Dean Division:—

Gentlemen,—I solicit, with confidence, a renewal of your trust.

Believe me, your devoted servant,
CHARLES W. DILKE.

THE "PICTURE-POSTCARD ELECTION."

The "Picture-Postcard Election" is the nickname which is already being given to the campaign in progress.

One London firm alone has sold more than half a million political cards, of which at least 250,000 will be distributed by candidates for Parliament as handbill-cards.

The first to use the card was Dr. Rutherford Harris, in the Dulwich by-election, when its success was instantaneous. Where an ordinary handbill is thrown away a postcard is kept, and its appeal has time to "soak in."

The largest demand seems to be for "protection" cards, of which the Tariff Reform League have secured an enormous number.

POLITICAL ITEMS.

A lady interrupter in Manchester was told to "go and get married."

"Hello, yer tongue's waggin' agin," was an interruption at a Liverpool meeting.

Mr. Adney Payne, director of the Euston Music Hall, has given Captain Jessel the free use of the front of the house for posters, and permission to place cards all over the theatre inside.

Sir James Fergusson, one of the late Conservative members for Manchester, stood for an hour with a lighted candle in his left hand answering questions at Miles Platting, North-East Manchester.

An analysis of interruptions at Salford meetings last week shows that the following were shouted:—"Shame" 187 times; "not" 343 times; "shut up" 1,311 times; "order" 5,019 times; "chuck him out" 4,222 times; "chuck her out" 8,444 times.

"People who broke windows in the Town Hall of Birmingham when Mr. Lloyd-George went there, the wild beasts who would not let Mr. Chamberlain have a hearing at Derby, showed a spirit unworthy of the dignity of man," said the Bishop of Carlisle on Sunday.

A noted Liberal in business in Nottingham was somewhat surprised when he reached his business premises yesterday morning to find that shutters, windows, and doors had been pasted over with election literature during the night advertising the benefits to be accrued by the adoption of tariff reform.

"STRAPHANGERITIS."

Grave Risk of Disease to London Railway Passengers.

Everyone agrees that "straphanger" as an exhausting gymnastic feat is bad enough, but the alarming possibilities of contracting contagious diseases from it do not seem to have been realised.

The experience of a prominent American citizen may well be received as a timely warning of this grave danger. After holding a strap in a crowded car he rubbed his eye, with the result that inflammation set in immediately, and for days he has been blind in that eye.

That this aspect of "straphanger" is a very serious one was the opinion of a leading physician, who told the *Daily Mirror* yesterday that already he had treated numerous cases of skin disease which were undoubtedly attributable to the patient's hand having been in contact with a strap, previously held by someone suffering from the complaint.

"I can quite imagine," added the doctor, "that measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria, erysipelas, and smallpox may be taken from these straps, and one infected strap may affect hundreds of people. It ought to be quite easy to make these straps easily detachable from the bars, and then to disinfect them with formaline disinfectant or sulphuric acid vapour."

Altogether "straphangeritis" is proving one of the most unpleasant features of modern London life.

"TWO NAUGHTY BOYS."

Pretty Musical Fairy Play for Grown-up People at the Gaiety.

The afternoon piece at the Gaiety Theatre is evidently not intended for children. It has not been produced until the Christmas holidays are coming to an end, and its humours are scarcely of a kind to appeal to children.

It will no doubt do pretty well, however, to amuse idle, grown-up people who want "something to do" in the afternoons. Mr. Edmund Payne will be found very anxious in it; the music by Constance Tippet is catchy and bright, and there is the usual chorus of well-developed young women.

The most charming things in the piece are Miss Alice Hutton's acting and singing as one of two "little girls," and the children's dancing.

MADAME REJANE'S SEASON.

"Décoré," Presented Last Night at the Royalty Pleases a Crowded House.

"Décoré," by Henri Meilhac, the second of the plays which Mme. Réjane has performed at the newly-organised Théâtre Français, in Soho-square, is far better than the first.

Although seen on several occasions in London, before last night, it had never gone so smoothly, and never had Mme. Réjane worn such astonishing gowns, or played with a more surprising variety of voice and gesture.

"Décoré" is a story of a wife's perplexities—shows a good woman's rather risky adventure with a friend of her neglectful husband, but shows also that the adventure is a harmless one, and that even risky situations are often saved by unexpected incidents.

NEW CRAZE IN DOGS.

Ladies Favour Bulldogs and Bull-Terriers as Pets, and Prices Rise Accordingly.

Bulldogs and toy bull-terriers are the latest fashion in ladies' pets, and prices have risen accordingly.

Lady Evelyn Ewart has set the fashion in toy bull-terriers, of which she possesses some dear little specimens.

"There is no doubt about it," said Mrs. E. P. Robson, secretary to the Ladies' Kennel Association, to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday, "bulldogs are going to be immensely popular this year with ladies who prefer larger dogs. At one time there was a great run on collies."

ENGLISH ACTORS AT THE HAGUE.

Her Majesty the Queen-Mother was present at the royal theatre at The Hague last evening, when Mr. Silvanus Dauncey and Mr. M. V. Leveaux presented Mr. Arthur Bourchier's company in "The Walls of Jericho," in English. The occasion was noteworthy as the first performance of any play in the English language at the royal theatre.

THE QUEEN'S HOSPITAL DONATION.

Her Majesty Queen Alexandra has sent her annual subscription of £25 to the King Edward Hospital Fund for London.

Sir Richard Tangye is progressing satisfactorily at his residence at Kingston Hill after the operation for internal trouble he underwent a week ago.

CHARING CROSS ROOF DISASTER.

Sir Benjamin Baker Explains the
Real Cause.

IMPOSSIBLE TO FORESEE.

The coroner's inquiry into the Charing Cross disaster was concluded yesterday at Westminster. The jury found that the six victims met with Accidental Death; that no blame attached to any of the officials; and that, in their opinion, the accident was due to the breaking of the tie-rod from an unforeseen flaw.

The most important evidence was that given by Sir Benjamin Baker, past president of the Institute of Civil Engineers, and consulting engineer to the South-Eastern and Chatham Railway. After the recovery of one end of the fractured tie-rod, all he could then say was that for some reason the bar had broken with only one-third of its proper breaking weight. When subsequently the corresponding end of the bar was found, then it was at once apparent to anyone accustomed to welding—and he himself had assisted forty years ago in blacksmiths' shops to make welds—that in the centre of this bar there had never been metallic union.

There was always a percentage of internal flaws. A certain percentage of "pockets" were formed—parts of the centre of the bar where they had not got metallic union. Clearly that was what had happened in this case.

Result of "Fidgeling."

It was usual to test welded parts to see if they would open out under stress. Such flaws would have a tendency to expand under stress, particularly when it was varied, as in this case. If a cloud passed over the sun it would contract, and when the cloud passed it would expand again. Thus there would always be a little "fidgeling" of the flaw, and after forty years of that its time would come, and it would snap through.

There was no mystery about the cause of the accident. If the tie-rod had been intact they might have put one of the District Railway trains on it, and it would not have given way. But then this tie-rod was only one-third of the strength anticipated owing to this invisible flaw.

At the present day the roof would have been made a little stronger than it was, and the new roof would be built stronger. When this roof was built, however, it was of the highest engineering standard of the day. There was no more experienced or careful engineer than Sir John Hawkshaw, and in building this roof he made it stronger than was the practice of his time.

Coroner: Did you advise the rebuilding of this roof?—Yes.

Danger of the Single Tie.

Was that?—Because you cannot tell if there were any flaw like this one. If there is no flaw the present roof is good enough for another twenty years.

Could this flaw have been seen?—I am sure it could not.

There is a danger in roofs of this kind, then?—Yes. At the present day engineers would not trust to a single tie-rod. They would have two tie rods, so that if one gave way there would be the other to fall back upon, but that was not the practice when the roof was built.

You have known similar roofs?—Yes, and this is the first failure I have known.

In reply to Mr. Pollock, K.C., who held a brief for Messrs. Maple and Co., the employees of the men killed at the Avenue Theatre, Sir Benjamin said that he thought the staging on which the painters were working formed the last straw. It was very lucky that the roof came down when it did. Probably it was bound to come down in another year, and it might have fallen at a most inopportune time, when there were many passengers about and the theatre was full of people, and hundreds of lives might have been lost.

Safer Than Ocean Liners.

Questioned further on the margin of safety, Sir Benjamin Baker said we had advanced in many ways of late years. If they were building St. Paul's Cathedral or Westminster Abbey to-day the foundations would be very different, but we could not pull down everything because it was not up to our modern practice.

Mr. Pollock: But what you say does not add to the confidence with which people go about.

Sir Benjamin Baker: You may take it from me that even now the roof of Charing Cross Station is in a very much safer condition as regards rusting and stress than half the steamers you cross the Atlantic in.

Mr. George Ellison said that in December, 1902, he examined the roof of the station. As the result of his examination he reported that while some parts of the iron work showed some corrosion, yet that the roof was generally in a sound condition.

The jury's verdict reflected the summing-up of the coroner, who observed that all the evidence showed that the breaking of the rod could not have been detected.

OUR NEW SERIAL.

"The Broken Law" a Magnificent Achievement in Realistic Fiction.

The *Daily Mirror* has always been famous for its serials; but, notwithstanding the successes of the past, the novel which commences publication in our columns to-morrow will far surpass all our previous efforts.

The author has not only conceived a remarkably original plot, but he has constructed it in an entirely novel fashion. The extraordinary and exciting complications in which the story abounds are so new and ingenious that they amaze and hold the reader to the last chapter.

One of the author's strong points is his character drawing, and in his latest story he has surpassed himself in this exceedingly difficult and all-important art. All the characters stand out clearly, and impress and enthral the reader with their distinct and fascinating personalities.

In the first chapters one can gain a good idea of the unusual merits of the story and see the enormous possibilities of the plot and the characters. Mr. Harris-Burland is no novice in the art of story-writing. His books, "Dacobra" and "Dr. Silcox," have made him a great army of friends, both in England and America, where, as a matter of fact, Mr. Harris-Burland, as a writer, is far better known than he is on this side.

"The Broken Law" is not a purely sensational story. It is the earnest attempt of an earnest man and brilliant writer to get to the root of a great social evil, and, in the guise of fiction, to portray with wonderful exactitude certain prominent persons who are actually living at the present day.

Mr. Harris-Burland quite recently came into possession of certain startling facts concerning the inner mystery of one of the most stupendous crimes which have baffled the police during the last decade. It was this that gave him his inspiration. Mr. Harris-Burland is a realist, but a realist with ideals.

"The Broken Law" is no milk-and-water fiction, for Mr. Harris-Burland strikes out from the shoulder; he calls a spade a spade. His description of the drunken orgy in which Rake-Hall Gaunt kills a man has never been equaled by Zola. His wonderful descriptive word-painting of his native Welsh scenery, of the tragic wreck of the steamship Santigian in the Red Sea, and of the horrors of starvation in the Arabian Desert, are masterpieces of English prose.

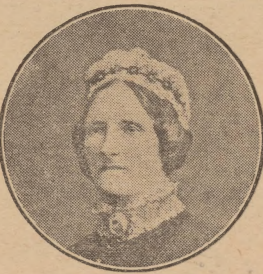
Mr. Harris-Burland writes of what he knows. He is a young man, but in the past four years he has had the experience of a dozen men.

BIRTH AND DEATH COINCIDENCE.

Aged Woman Left the World, as She Had Entered It, on the Stroke of Midnight.

After having lived under five Sovereigns in England, Mrs. Dinah Broadbent, probably the oldest person in Southwark Park, died early on Sunday morning at her home, 111, Storks-road.

The remarkable part of her life-story was the coincidence between the time of her entry into and exit from this world. Just as the clock finished



Mrs. DINAH BROADBENT.

striking midnight on January 6, 1816, she was born, and just after midnight on January 6, 1906, her spirit fled.

Mr. Broadbent left behind many friends, who recall her wonderful memory. She remembered clearly when hanging took place at Tyburn.

COUNSEL AS CHEAP AS 11 3s. 6d.

The Recorder at the Old Bailey yesterday refused several applications for counsel. "The rates and taxes are heavy enough," he observed, "without granting counsel to people who are often well able to pay for legal assistance."

The Recorder added that any prisoner could retain counsel by handing him a fee of £1 3s. 6d.

FINES NOT "SAVINGS."

"I have paid £4 into this court in fines," said an old soldier, who yesterday applied for assistance from the Brentford magistrates. "I think, now I am hard up, I ought to have a little back." Chairman (sternly): Go away at once.

BEEF THE CHEAPEST.

Why It Is More Economical This
Week Than Butter or Cheese.

GLUT OF TURKEYS.

Economical people who make their lunch off bread and butter or bread and cheese instead of bread and beef on the score of cheapness are sadly deceiving themselves—at least, during the present week.

Starting as it may seem, it is the fact that at the moment it is cheaper to eat meat with your bread than butter or cheese. The circumstances which have led to such an unusual state of affairs were explained yesterday by leading representatives of the meat and dairy produce trades.

You can have prime sirloin or ribs of beef from 6½d. per lb., said the Leadenhall Market salesman. "It is South American—chilled, not frozen. Frozen meat is cheaper still. We paid to-day 3d. and 3½d. per lb. for 'hard' (i.e., frozen) hindquarters, and we could have got forequarters for 2½d. per lb. But that, of course, is New Zealand frozen meat."

One Reason.

The reason that meat is down is that there is a glut of cheap turkeys left over from Christmas. There were hundreds of turkeys at 3s. 6d. each in Leadenhall Market yesterday. Next week meat will take its proper place again. In the summer rump steak is often up to 11d. per lb., wholesale price.

With an exceptional fall in the price of meat has come an unusual rise in the cost of dairy produce. "Butter is up, eggs are up, cheese is up," said the head of a prominent firm.

"In all my thirty years' experience, I have never before been without good butter that I could sell at a shilling a pound."

But just now supplies of every kind of butter are short, and will be shorter still. The butter I am selling now at 1s. 2d. costs me 1s. 1½d. I have known it as low as 10½d. That is Argentine butter, but Australian and New Zealand butters are very little cheaper, as supplies have fallen off.

Margarine Preferable.

"My shilling butter used to come from Russia, but supplies have stopped now. I suppose they are too busy to make it. Danish salt butter has risen 3s. per cwt. since the beginning of last week. It sells now at 1s. 4d. per lb. The fresh butter comes from France. That has not altered in price."

"Many people are taking to margarine as a consequence of the rise, and, to tell the truth, it is as good as most butter at 1s."

"Cheese is worse still. The best Canadian has advanced from 5s. to 68s. per cwt. in the last three months, and will go still higher."

Figures from the published market reports demonstrate the serious nature of the shortage. During the last six months of 1905 there was a falling-off of 26,296 boxes of Australian and 16,516 boxes of New Zealand butter, as compared with the last six months of 1904.

During the last five days alone of December, 106,746 boxes of Australian butter were put on the London market, while for the whole of this month the amount arrived and due to arrive is only 199,000 boxes, while Argentine is shorter still.

On the whole, it seems that the saving man will have to abandon his bread-and-cheese lunch for steak and potatoes from economical motives, and that the restaurants may shortly be expected to give away roast beef and charge extra for butter!

"MUSICAL PIRACY" TRIAL.

Recorder Refuses To Assent to a Postponement Until the February Sessions.

At the Old Bailey yesterday an application was made by Mr. Henry Head that, in the event of a true bill being returned against the accused in the well-known musical copyright case, the matter should stand over until the February Sessions, as more time was needed to prepare the defence.

The Recorder pointed out that this session was an unusually light one, but the next session might be heavy. They could probably dispose of the case in this session.

He could not regard the application as either reasonable or proper. No ground whatever had been made out for the postponement, and he should refuse it.

George Wootton, one of the defendants, applied for legal aid, but his Lordship said he could not grant it, as Wootton had not set up a defence before the magistrate.

SONGS FOR ELECTION MEETINGS.

There is no reason why Unionist political meetings should not be enlivened by song, now that a number of humorous election songs, adapted to well-known airs, have been reprinted from the "Evening News."

These songs are on a handy sheet at 3s. 6d. a thousand, and are to be obtained from the publishers, 3, Carmelite House, E.C.

TOURING TAILORS.

New York Youths Eagerly Pay High Prices
for London Clothes.

During the next few days a dozen representatives from the best London tailors will leave for New York to obtain orders from American customers for the coming season.

Though it is unknown to most people, several English tailors have American connections bringing in several thousands a year. "We expect orders to the amount of at least £5,000 from New York each year," said a member of a firm which has been in the habit of sending to New York every spring.

"It is done in this way. A smart representative is sent to New York, and he goes to one of the best hotels, taking a suite of rooms, which will cost the firm probably £15 or £16 a week. But in order to make money in America you must spend it."

"In the sitting-room the traveller lays out his patterns, and then notifies his customers of his arrival. A wealthy young American thinks nothing of spending £200 on clothes at one time. Here is an incident, which I can vouch for, to prove it."

"A certain traveller, who was well known in New York, telephoned from his hotel to a young millionaire. 'Who's there?' came a querulous voice. 'The tailor announced his name. 'Is that you back again, Billy. Well, I'm in bed,' was the reply; 'had a late night, and I don't want any of your beastly clothes.' There was a pause. 'Say, I forgot,' came the voice more briskly. 'Billy, old man,' for the millionaire was a friendly youth, 'I'll have a couple of dress suits, two dinner jacket suits, and—'

"Once started," added the tailor, with a reminiscent smile, "he gave an order from his bed which amounted to £500."

Of course, the cost of clothes is much higher than in London, as there is 80 per cent. duty to be paid on every suit which goes into the United States. Ten guineas for a lounge suit and £21 for a dress suit are quite ordinary prices.

LONDON'S CLEAN SHEET.

Not One Murder Charge Among a Population of Over
Six Million People.

"Although we have jurisdiction over more than 6,000,000 people, there is not a single charge of murder in the calendar."

In these satisfactory words the Recorder of the Central Criminal Court yesterday commented on the comparatively light list of charges to be dealt with at the January Sessions at the Old Bailey.

There are ninety-three cases to come before the court. The most serious is a charge of manslaughter against George Long, in connection with the death of a soldier named Williams in the East End at a Christmas party.

But the most interesting case will be that of Thomas Caradoc Kerry, described as an explorer, who is a member of the Geographical Society. He is charged with remarkable treachery, said to have been committed on the high seas.

"THE GREAT CHART."

Ingenious Method by Which the Progress of the
Election May Be Recorded from Day to Day.

In every club in Great Britain to-day will be found upon reading-desk and wall the "Daily Mail" Election Chart.

The Chart (price 1s., printed in five colours) consists of two maps of Great Britain and Ireland, placed side by side. Each consists of 670 squares. The first represents the state of parties at the dissolution, the squares being coloured to represent the politics of the sitting member.

The second map consists of plain squares, and a thousand squares of gummed paper of varying hues are given with every Chart. As the results of the elections come to hand, the owner of the Chart sticks his little square (red if the seat is won by a Liberal, blue if won by a Unionist) over the square representing the borough.

In connection with the Chart a prize of £50 is given for the best election forecast. Particulars are given with the Chart, and orders may be sent to George Philip and Sons, Limited, of 32, Fleet-street, London, E.C. or to Cornhill House, E.C. One shilling is the price, or post free 1s. 1d.

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AN EPITAPH.

HERE LIES,
Unregretted by the Nation,
THE PARLIAMENT ELECTED IN 1900,
Which Came to an End,
After a Prolonged Period
of Weakness and Incapacity,
ON JANUARY 8, 1906.

Born in a Moment
of Warlike Ecstasy,
it Lived Unfortunately for Itself,
to See that Feeling Succeeded
by National Annoyance
AT HAVING TO PAY THE BILL.

It Included About as Many
BORES, WINDBAGS, AND INCAPABLES,
and as Few Men of Ability
on Either Side in Politics,
as any Parliament
Which ever Tried the Patience
OF A LONG-SUFFERING RACE.

Consequently, its Proceedings
WERE A CONTINUAL DISAPPOINTMENT
to Men of all Parties;
and during Most of its Lifetime
they were Eagerly Looking Forward
TO ITS HOUR OF DEATH.

Stay, Traveller, and Shed a Tear,
Remembering the Painful Contrast
Between the Enthusiasm
with Which it was Created and the
UNIVERSAL SIGN OF RELIEF
Which Went up from Unionists,
As well as Liberals,
when it was Hastily Lowered
into its Dishonourable
GRAVE.

H.

A BRAVE STAND.

People tell me that if I don't serve boys with cigarettes, others will, so that no good will be done. But if a thing is wrong, some attempt should be made to put it right.

All honour to the Bromley tobacconist who spoke these words. There is the true ring of honest purpose in them. In this flabby age they are like a bracing breeze dispelling poisonous humours.

Far too many people say nowadays, "What is the good of standing up for what I believe to be right? If I don't take every advantage, others will. I must do as others do."

That is the Devil's doctrine, just the kind of argument to capture weak-minded people, who have neither convictions nor character.

The man who knows that a certain course is right, and who has the courage to be a man, takes that course. He does not tamely wait to see what others do. He does not feebly mutter, "Will it be any good?" He says, "This is the way for me," and goes along it.

All the good work that has ever been done in the world has been done by men and women who took a line of their own and refused to do as others did. Someone must begin a movement towards reform. If nobody ever did anything till everybody else was ready to do it with him, nothing would ever be done.

All sensible people are agreed that boys ought not to smoke. It makes them puny and white-faced and undersized. It spoils their wind and powers of endurance. It dulls their minds. It gives them indigestion. It prevents them from growing up into sound, healthy men.

The only way to check this evil is to make it difficult for boys to get hold of cigarettes. Which are tobacconists going to prefer, their profits or the nation's well-being? One, at all events, has made his choice. Once again, all honour to his manly attitude. H. H. F.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

There are some men and some women in whose company we are always at our best. While with them we cannot think mean thoughts or speak ungenerous words.—H. Drummond.

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

PUBLIC interest in the Indian tour of the Prince and Princess of Wales has naturally been diminished by the excitement of home politics. Nevertheless, a fair amount of Eastern impressionism has been sent to England for the instruction of readers over here. Perhaps it may be said that, so far, at least, the tour has not been marked by quite so many ceremonial eccentricities as distinguished the Colonial experiences of the Prince and Princess. At any rate, no Druidical or Neptune-like old gentleman was brought forward to anoint the royal brows at the moment of landing.

It might be possible to account for the rather fainter interest taken in this tour by the fact that India has been too often painted to the imaginations of those who have never been there—painted prosaically by retired civilians, Army officers, and Mr. Rudyard Kipling; painted fantastically by poets and writers of comic opera; more dreamily painted, last of all, by Pierre Loti in his story of a pilgrimage through the place. But perhaps the West can never really grow tired of reading about warmer climates.

The East seems delightfully remote in this political season. Some of the atmosphere of it, its ancient spirit—now, as people say, relaxed and

separation lay in Byron's relations with his half-sister, Lady Augusta Leigh. Apparently, it is asserted, in this new version by Lord Lovelace, Lady Byron "pursued a policy of silence." I quote the "Observer" account of the matter—about this. But how, if that were so, did the facts get about? What about Mrs. Beecher Stowe's horrible book on Byron—a book showing in its complete lack of charity the attitude of mind of a Puritan towards the great poet who had filled the world with his name?

Trelawny in his "Recollections of Byron and Shelley" does not seem to think that Lady Byron kept silence about the matter. And the unjust part of it all is that Byron's own version of the case, written in those memoirs which were read by all kinds of people—by Lord Russell (the Prime Minister) and by Mrs. Shelley, to take two instances—can now never be heard. Owing to the idiotic pusillanimity of an old-fashioned publisher, and the treachery of Moore, who called himself the poet's friend, these memoirs were burnt. That has left the field open to all who care to insult the dead man's memory.

The experiment Mr. Cosmo Hamilton made yesterday afternoon at the Comedy Theatre was quite a success. Instead of sending round to

ARE YOU READY?—GO!



Yesterday King Edward dissolved the first Parliament of his reign, and ordered the issue of writs for the General Election, thus giving the signal for the contest to begin. For the next three weeks all eyes will be fixed upon the race for a majority, which starts to-day.

faded—is well represented in a book recently issued in the Teubner Oriental Series, a translation by Messrs. Edmond and George Warner of the Shah-nama of Firdausi. This is an epic turned before, with its stories of Persian heroism, into prose—once, particularly, into French in what is probably the version hitherto most read in England. Now we have it in a capital verse rendering, and Mr. Edmond Warner has given it a full introduction to make clear to poor, ignorant outsiders, who "know no Persian," the setting and circumstances under which the poem came into being. The book makes, for all amateurs of stimulating contrasts, a refreshing change from electioneering addresses.

The reputation of Byron is once more under discussion. Only a little while ago we had the last sharp skirmish of the Carlyle controversy, and had to assist at the not very edifying recriminations between branches of his family and of that of Mrs. Carlyle. Now Byron's grandson, Lord Lovelace, as we learn from an article in the "Observer," has written an "authentic" account of the circumstances which led to the poet's separation from his wife.

Most of us are already familiar with rumours of the terrible deeds of Byron. They shocked poor Lady Byron so that she left him with alarming suddenness. It was rumoured, then, that the cause of

managers in manuscript the new play, "A Sense of Humour," which he and his wife (Miss Beryl Faber) have written together, he decided to produce it himself, and to invite managers and critics to see it. The audience was most appreciative, and there is little doubt that the piece will soon be produced in the ordinary way. It shows in an amusing, witty fashion how a husband and a wife, who found their partners carrying on a rather desperate flirtation, pretended to be doing the same thing, in order to bring the others to their senses.

The fun of the thing is heightened by the fact that the husband who really flirts is violently jealous, and the husband who pretends to flirt so awkward in his efforts to appear a Don Juan that he is soon found out. Eventually, after much laughter, the two couples, who have been very fond of one another all the time, are happily reunited. "A sense of humour" has pulled them through their difficulties. There are only six parts in the piece, and they were all well played. Miss Beryl Faber herself is one of the wives. Her brother, Mr. Aubrey Smith, was very funny as the husband whose love-making is so stiff and unreal. Miss Edith Olive and Mr. Athol Stewart effectively completed the quartette, and a vivid sketch of a stupid servant-girl was given by Miss Frances Dillon. "A Sense of Humour" will be heard of again.

THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

IMMORTALITY FOR ANIMALS.

I was very much surprised to read such ridiculous remarks on "Immortality for Animals," from "E. P. Pollock."

He says: "Dogs are more faithful than any human friend; more unselfish, more simple, and true."

"E. P. P." is probably one of those who neglect their children for the sake of their dogs, by having a place for Carlo in the dining-room, and feeding him with their own hands, while their own flesh and blood can have their food in the nursery or anywhere as long as they are out of the way.

Do you think anyone worthy the name of a man (whom God has created in his own image) would suggest that dogs have as much right to an hereafter as human beings, were he in his right senses? I think not.

A. HUNTER.

Bristol.

Are we to believe that the animal life around us is an exclusive adornment of this solitary planet, Earth? Can it be that all the beauties of form, colour, and character of the animals around us will have no part in our scheme of future existence?

Surely, if Paradise is that state of existence which it has always been represented to be—a state of such absolute beauty and peace that it has been designated the Hades or Resting-place of Souls—if this be so, I say, why shut out of it such wonderful beauty of character as that of the horse, such graceful beauty of form as that of the slender hound, such tender beauty of colour as that of the iridescent butterfly? Why exclude these, yet admit man, less beautiful far than many members of the "brute creation" in form, colour, and character? But all this is a matter of material existence.

As regards the souls of animals: Energy is indestructible; soul is conscious energy, and, consequently, immortal. Hence, if animals exert conscious energy (and I beg to submit that they do so), then they have immortal souls.

Tregarthen, Ipswich. CHALIN DE RALEN.

I don't know who "A Pretor" is, or whether man or woman; but, in reply to the sneers of "A Man in the Street," let me say that naturally such fine pathetic and poetic fancies as appear in "A Pretor's" letter are not found in the street, but very similar ones are to be discovered in the works of the best poets and most intellectual thinkers.

Let me refer "A Man in the Street" to Lord Tennyson's poem, "The Two Voices," in which occurs a very similar fancy to "A Pretor's" beginning, "Last eve I saw the butterfly." Lord Tennyson here uses the butterfly as a symbol of immortality.

Our religion teaches us that the victory over death shall be at the end complete, and that very obviously it would not be so were the Great Destroyer eternally to triumph over these sinless and innocent creatures who fall into the power of suffering and into bodily dissolution because man sinned.

Our ideal of perfect justice and perfect love convinces us that they shall all live again, "each according to its own order," the ox in a peaceful field, the pet dog in its human friend's eternal dwelling.

St. George.

Lyminge.

ARE WOMEN TO HAVE VOTES?

I cannot see the importance of the Woman Suffrage question.

Let us suppose that—as certainly will one day be the case—women are in possession of votes, what then? We have then simply granted to a large number of more or less ignorant people—though no doubt a more ignorant than the average male elector—a right to assist in muddling the nation's affairs.

You do not effect a beneficial revolution by increasing the number of ignorant people whom you consult.

MORDON FELDSTAND.

Harrogate.

PELOTA PLAYED IN WALES.

It may be interesting to your readers to know that the "great Spanish national game" of pelota, of which we hear so much talk lately, plays here in Wales in exactly the same way as the Spaniards play it, only in a more skilful fashion, viz., with the bare, flat hand, and not with a great cumbersome-looking thing such as the Spaniards wear, thereby rendering it almost impossible to miss the ball.

We call it "hand-ball," and we have very clever exponents of the art in this country. W. STONE.

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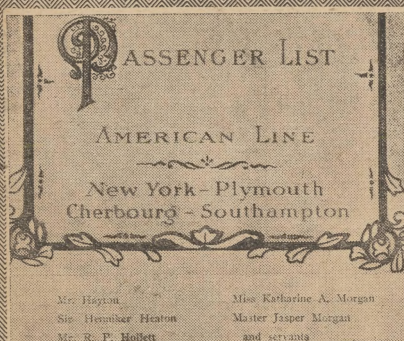
IN MY GARDEN.

JANUARY 8.—Few plants are more useful than the saffrages (rockfoils) for giving the garden a cheerful appearance in winter. Although alpine flowers, many varieties will grow quite as well on level ground as on the rockery.

Their bright evergreen foliage is, perhaps, their greatest charm, though the blossoms of several species are showy and of a delicate tinge. The mossy sort form fresh green carpets delightful to behold, while the silvery-leaved kinds are very precious. The gardener who only knows "London Pride" should certainly become acquainted with other saffrages. E. F. T.

Cameragraphs.

DECLINED THE HONOUR OF KNIGHTHOOD.



The first intimation to Mr. Henniker Heaton that he had received the honour of knighthood was on his arrival in Montreal. He declined the knighthood by cable, but in the passenger-list of the American Line steamer from New York his name had already been printed as Sir Henniker Heaton.

THE PASSION PLAY IN LONDON.

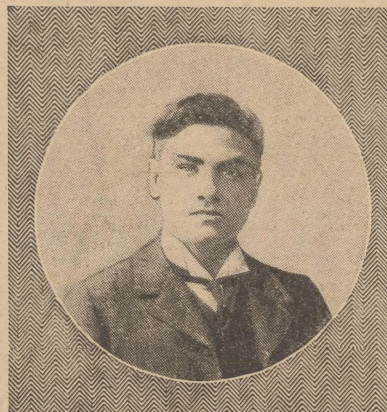


In the hall attached to St. Clement's Church, City-road, the fourteenth annual series of Bethlehem tableaux is given this week, every evening at seven. Before the curtain is raised on each scene an appropriate passage from the Gospels is read, and each is accompanied by the singing of Christmas hymns.

TO-DAY'S WEDDING.

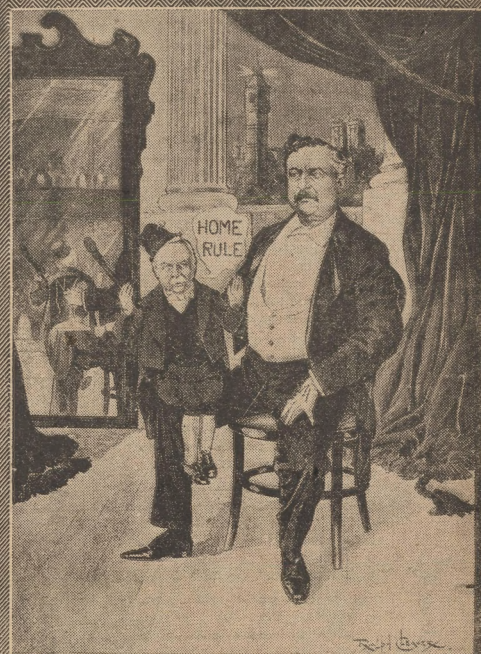


Miss Boyd Carpenter, daughter of the Bishop of Ripon, who is to be married to-day to—



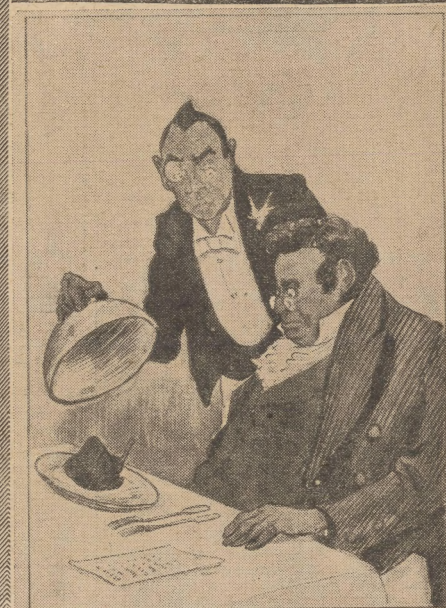
—Mr. Francis E. Wentworth Shields, of
Brentworth Sholing, Southampton, at Ripon
Cathedral.

POLITICAL & PHOTOGRAPHY



JOHNNY REDMOND—THE IRISH VENTRILOQUIST

"A Ventriloquist is one who practises the art of speaking in such a manner that the voice appears to come not from the speaker, but from someone else."



The battle of the posters is proceeding merrily in every constituency, votes. Above are further examples from the vast election ammunition bell-Bannerman's supporters rely on ridiculing the record of the last suits of Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal reform policy should it be adopted. quist's dummy in the hands of Mr. John Redmond, who really placent satisfaction at many sheaves of useful legislation.—(The p

NOT & SHELL

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Well, what do you think of the Crop, Sir?"
Excellent, excellent—especially considering the weather you've had."



MUDDLE & MAKE-BELIEVE



ty is relying on the moral pointed by a striking cartoon to secure
Liberal and the Conservative Associations. Sir Henry Camp-
s "mess, muddle, and make-believe," and cast doubts on the re-
vatives delight in representing the Prime Minister as a ventrilo-
They also point to the late Government's record, but with com-
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Pictorial News

SNAPSHOTS OF THE ROYAL TOUR IN INDIA.
BY THE "DAILY MIRROR" STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER, ACCOMPANYING THE ROYAL PARTY.



On arrival at Gwalior an elephant procession was formed from the railway station to the palace. The Prince is on the elephant to the left and the Princess that to the right. Both the Prince and Princess had held over them magnificent gold-embroidered state umbrellas, but the Princess herself carried a sunshade.



In the photograph on the left the Princess is seen in a rickshaw going through the fort at Agra. That on the right is of the Princess's jewel-case being taken to the royal train at Agra. The Princess always has this case placed in her own railway carriage in charge of four special police officers.

'THE WOMAN TEMPTED ME.'

By ANNIE AUMONIER.

CHAPTER LI. (continued).

Balshaw's impassioned cry had the sound of having been wrenched from him.

The answer came at last.
"Yes," whispered Clare, "I have forgiven you. I have come here to tell you so—and to tell you more than that!"

Surely, this moment of catastrophe did not represent the end-all of this man's life? There was that in him that would lift him to higher things.

And her love for him was gathering comfort and hope in this thought. The woman in her—the divine woman in her—was leaning to the fore. She would like to think that she could help him in the painful climb up the steep hill before him.

Her prayers, her forgiveness—nay more, her very love—should go with him.

But he must climb alone, save for these intangible and ghostly comrades.

He must work out his own salvation. But, having done this, having climbed the hill, then it might be that—

There was no distance between them now. He was on his knees at her feet, with bowed head, reverently as before some sacred shrine.

"Thank God," he whispered. Then again, after a great stillness, "Thank God! It will be—easier—now; the load is not quite—so heavy." Never before had he knelt at the feet either of man or woman.

"You will be with me in spirit always, Clare—my conscience and my guiding angel. You have returned good for my evil!"

She reached out her hands to him. Their trembling touch drew him to his feet. He met her gaze unflinchingly, tremendous resolution shining in his eyes.

The clock struck—clocks will strike. The silvery notes were tolling for the passing of Richard Balshaw, lie and gentleman of fortune.

They listened silently, hands clasping hands, till the silvery echo of the last stroke had quivered into nothingness.

The woman's lips were trembling; but there was pride in the poise of her head, and her wonderful

He dashed a hand across his eyes as if a light had suddenly dazzled them, unbearably.

"But you will forget them—in the fulness of time!" he cried, for he did not understand. "The true man, the real man, will enter into your life one day, and make you forget them!"

There was impassioned remorse in his voice. He did not understand. Those love-words of his must be excoriated from her memory, if she were to know peace of mind in the future. This was what he told himself.

"Don't you see the difference?" he hammered out. "Your memory is essential to me; but not mine to you. Blot it out!"

"No!"

He looked at her, and read something in her eyes, something on the beautiful, white face that made him stagger.

"Oh, God!" he whispered. "You don't mean—no, I'm mad! Time's up!"

"Yes. You must go! But when you have climbed the hill—fought your fight—come back to me, the real, true man—for I shall not have forgotten those words!"

He stood for a moment like a man stunned. The grandeur of the woman's love had been revealed to him, and revelation had stunned him.

She was willing to wait for him. She had brought him love as well as forgiveness on this night. God grant that he might not wake and find this a dream. It was the woman's prayer of but three days before reversed.

Then he bowed his head, humbled in her presence; but not long thus.

He straightened up like a man inspired with a tenfold strength.

"Beloved, beloved!" he cried.

Then, as she took a step towards him, in all the glory of her pure womanhood, with love and courage shining, starlike, in her glorious eyes, he opened out his arms.

Nor did she shrink from him as they closed round her like iron bands.

Pym was creeping to and fro and sometimes round the smoking-room, like a flitting, uncertain

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eyes flashed a message of hope and strength to the man. She was proud of him, and knew that he would rise to higher things. Surely all her agony, all her humiliation, had not been suffered in vain.

She wanted to inspire, not to weaken him; but the lips were beginning to twitch more tremulously, and she could hear the loud beat of her own heart.

"I shall pray for you," she whispered, "that your strength may never fail you. You have done so much for me. You ask me for my forgiveness. That is yours. Now let me thank you! I want you to understand—in these few moments that we have left us—that the man who came to my rescue, who was so strong and so tender, will always be a memory apart from the memory of the man who revealed himself to me to be a lie. Richard Balshaw will soon have passed out of existence; but that other man will survive. You are that man now; you will be that man in the future. You will be your true self!"

As well as music there was a ring, a sure ring, in the woman's voice like the clarion note of a silver trumpet.

"No to thine own self be true!" Let this be his battle-cry in the fight before him.

The lump in the man's throat was rising and falling. He crushed the hands between his own.

"But I want you to forget me altogether," he said.

"Oh, no! That were quite impossible!" No false shame spoilt the true ring of her voice.

"Yes. When I told me that I thought you had killed my respect for you. You had stunned, not killed, it. I respect you now. I see more clearly, I respect you for having told me—it would have been so easy for you—the temptation must have been terrible—to have held your peace."

At the time, no! But now she knew this to have been the finest moment in his life.

"But there is something still that I want you to forget," he cried hoarsely. "I want you to forget those words I spoke that night in the cab!"

"No!"

shadow that never falls in quite the same place again.

His mouth was stammering all manner of silent prayers—prayers for the man he worshipped and prayers for the woman. His whole soul seemed in his staring eyes as the door opened and Balshaw entered, his head erect, his shoulders squared.

And one glance at the face told Pym that what he had prayed for and hoped for had come to pass!

The servants were ranged up in the hall as Richard Balshaw, followed by his private secretary, quitted the smoking-room. As he passed along the line of domestics he shook hands with each and all. The little household literally worshipped him.

Respectful good wishes were expressed, and the cook invoked the blessing of heaven upon him. The one-legged crossing-sweeper, who hovered about outside, did likewise.

"John," said Balshaw, as the brougham rolled away. "You must take great care of yourself—more food, less tea, and not so many cigarettes." Then his voice broke suddenly. "Dear old friend!"

He grasped the slave of the lamp's thin hand, and, holding it very tightly, was silent for a time, and when he did speak, it was only to whisper, "Dear Old John," very affectionately.

"It—it's g-g-going to end w-well!" stammered the poet. "It is g-good!"

Tears trickled down the wasted face; but the fire in the great eyes was joyous.

At Charing Cross the luggage was placed in the cloak-room, and presently, instead of taking train, the two men entered a four-wheeled cab. The drizzle of the earlier evening was still falling, and the fog had thickened. The cabman had received instructions to pull up at a certain spot.

Within, Balshaw stepped off his great travelling-coat and took a shabby hat from a hand-bag. He pulled at the upturned moustache and ruffled his hair.

As the cab drew up he shook hands silently with Pym, stepped out quickly, and a moment later was lost in the fog.

A blue lamp, sending a livid and rather ghostly stream of light into the murkiness, proclaimed a police-station.

Roland Carstairs hunched his shoulders, thrust forward his chin, and passed quickly up the steps. Richard Balshaw was not.

(To be concluded.)

"A penny saved is a penny made."

"Thrift itself is a good income."—Cicero.

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Usual Price.	SALE PRICE	Usual Price.	SALE PRICE
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
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THE MONEY MARKET.

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HUDSON'S BAYS LIVELY.

CAPEL COURT, Monday Evening.—There is not very much of interest in connection with to-day's Stock Exchange. It was the mining carry-over day, and this, of course, means that it is the eve of the settlement in the other markets. Consequently there was not much inducement for fresh buying, but, on the whole, prices inclined somewhat in the upward direction, and that in the circumstances was rather noteworthy.

The mining carry-over found the account open very much the same as last time in Kaffirs, but the feeling in this section was again better at first, and it remains to be seen whether the public will be attracted by the current level of prices. Certainly so far the public has done nothing.

In other mining directions there was not much to notice. In fact, it is all talk of possibilities without much buying. The high prices of metals attract some attention to the Broken Hill silver and lead group, and, of course, the copper shares for a similar reason keep in high favour.

CHINESE LABOUR SCARE OVER.

The West African market, although there is not much doing, keeps up very well, being cheered up by news from the various properties. In West Africans, Continental and Colonial selling of Great Fingalls was not liked, and was put down to developments at depth. In Rhodesians, of course, it is all talk of diamond discoveries—a new diamond concern coming out to-day—and the Banket group, with a little attention to the copper propositions of the Tanganyika district. The Kaffir market seems to be steadily recovering in Kaffirs from the effects of the recent Chinese labour scare.

The failure to place a small Russian loan in Paris was not liked, and so it is not surprising to find Paris favourites among the foreign securities rather dull. The Consol market, too, is a little uncertain, Consols being easier at 89 7/16, and this may be put down to the amount of gold leaving for South America and elsewhere. But with these exceptions it is difficult to find a depressed market, and on the eve of the general carry-over this is a distinctly noteworthy feature.

CHEERFUL BOARD OF TRADE RETURNS.

Of course, such items on the cheerful side as the excellent Board of Trade returns published on Saturday afternoon ought to have some influence with Home Rails. For there is good ground for belief that the excellent trade figures for 1905 will be more than repeated in 1906. At all events the bankers speak of greater activity in provincial circles.

As a rule a consensus of banking opinion is not a bad thing to go by in considering trade conditions. Then to-day's Brighton traffic increase of 43,996 was liked. It went against very good figures last year, and it is thought that the traffic returns this week will be more than usually good. So with the prospect of a good send-off for the new account, Home Rails held their own fairly well, in spite of the nearness of the carry-over.

Whether due to better money considerations or not, there was some inquiry for various American Rails, America buying while London looked on quietly, and the Canadian group was better. But the Foreign Railway group was better still. Here there are one or two good points.

CONFIDENCE IN NITRATE SHARES.

Some of the lines in the northern parts of Argentina are expected to make particularly good traffic showings now that the new crops are moving. So there was a disposition to advance values, and with good crop talk also in the case of the Brazilian section and prospects of satisfactory dividends, it was not surprising to find Brazilians sharing with Argentines in the advance. The same applies to Uruguay Rails, and Mexican Rails were also favoured. In fact, the Cuban group is still the only foreign railway group to lag, and that because of the recent unsatisfactory traffics.

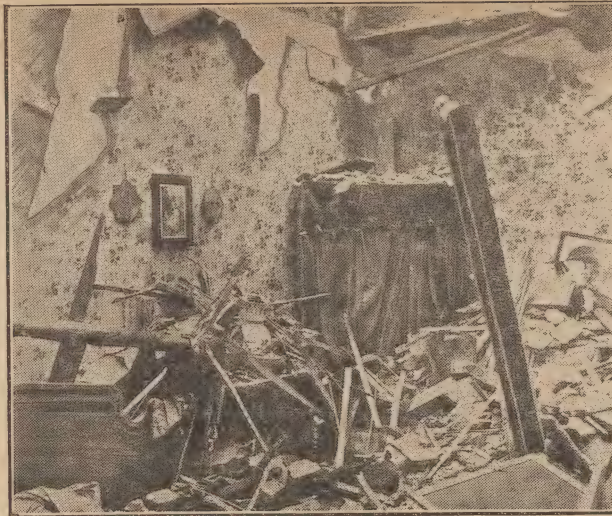
People continue to buy nitrate shares. They profess confidence that the nitrate combination will be renewed in the near future.

In the omnibus group there is a little uncertainty in connection with the coming severe competition between the older and the new omnibus ventures, for the older horse companies are now getting their stocks of motor-omnibuses, and seem disposed to fight. People are thus asking whether too much has perhaps not been made of prospects in connection with the new venture.

The Dock group is heavy, fearing that the Russian conditions may have reduced earnings from the Russian trade. Hudson's Bays are still lively, and the manipulators continue to pull the legs of the London financial writers in the hope of attracting public attention.

Among the trees uprooted in Bushey Park by the great gale of Saturday and Sunday, was a fine old lime, said to be one of those planted by Cardinal Wolsey.

FATAL ACCIDENT OF THE GALE.



During the gale a chimney fell through the roof of a house at Bristol, and six tons of debris fell in the above bedroom on to a young woman named Florence Edmunds, who was dead when extricated.

SERIOUS FLOODS AT BRISTOL.



View taken yesterday of the Church of St. Werburgh, Bristol, showing the flooded state of the surrounding district. The photograph is taken from the railway embankment.

FIRST TRIP IN A TRAMWAY TUBE.

Pioneer Journey Under Kingsway
in One of the New Steel Cars.

A party of engineers, journalists, and other invited visitors made a trip on the Kingsway underground tramway yesterday—a sign that the opening of the subway to the public is not far distant.

Everything is now ready for the formal opening excepting the cars. It is expected that a sufficient number of these, which are of the familiar street pattern, but larger and built of steel, to obviate the danger of a fire disaster, will be ready at about the end of the month.

The party set out from the Aldwych platform, which is about 20ft. under the street level. Like the other station, that at Great Queen-street, it is built on the "island" system, having a platform raised a foot high and a staircase at each end to the roadway.

The tube runs along about 3ft. under Kingsway, takes a dip 24ft. to avoid the sewers in Holborn, and ascends to the level of Theobalds-road by a gradient of one in ten. The walls are in part of white glazed brick, and the roof is formed of "steel troughing," looking like enormous sheets of corrugated steel.

The journey was quickly and smoothly accomplished, and the emergence of the car—the first which has run the entire distance—was greeted by

an approving cheer from the considerable crowd of spectators which had assembled at the corner of Theobalds-road.

The return journey was made on foot along a tubular passage constructed parallel with the line to accommodate the gas, water, and electric systems.

It is for the most part ten feet wide, and is everywhere seven and a half feet high. The freshness of the air is guaranteed by frequent ventilators communicating with the streets above, and the tube is lit at every few paces by electric bulbs.

Aldwych Station will for the present form the southern terminus, although the tunnel itself extends under the Gaiety Theatre. This portion, which is now used for storing cars, is the first part of the extension which is projected, and which will be carried on as soon as the necessary permission of Parliament can be obtained.

It is intended that the line shall eventually run as far as the Embankment, where it will emerge near Somerset House.

QUICK CHANGES AT A STRAND THEATRE.

Playgoers who visit Terry's Theatre at the first performance of Mr. Henry Arthur Jones' new play, "The Heroic Stubs," on January 24, will find the popular Strand playhouse greatly improved.

A new system of warming will have been installed, new curtains, new carpets, and new upholstery for the seats will be provided—the whole work being done in forty-eight hours from start to finish.

NEW FOREIGN OFFICE APPOINTMENT.

The Hon. Sir Eric Barrington has been appointed Assistant Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. Sir Eric was the late Lord Salisbury's principal private secretary at the Foreign Office, and occupied a similar position under Lord Lansdowne.

FACTS FOR NURSES

Concerning the Best Food for Invalids, Convalescents, the Aged, and those whose Digestion is Weak.

Everyone who notices the tendency of modern medical science must be struck with the increasing attention that is given to food as a part of the treatment. It is recognised that, useful as medicine frequently is in promoting restoration to health, medicine cannot by itself rebuild the tissues, afford nourishment, provide warmth, and repair waste. This work has to be done by food, and it therefore follows, as a matter of course, that the right choice is of the most vital importance. A few facts in regard to "Savory and Moore's Best Food for Infants and Invalids," showing how and why it is the most suitable, will prove of interest to all who have the care of invalids and those whose digestion is weak.

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There are doctors who advise their patients to climb stairs for the sake of health. The rule is to climb six flights of stairs twice a day, once in the morning and once in the afternoon. They do not let their patients climb at night when they are tired. Then is the moment for the lift.

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How to Lift Gracefully.

The dress must be lifted out of the way, and lifted gracefully, to remedy this uncomfortable action of falling upstairs, and this requires much practice. The wide accordion-pleated skirt requires the services of both hands. One hand should lift the back of the dress; the other must raise the front. Long evening dresses can generally be lifted with one hand, but it requires some skill. The skirt should be clutched right in the middle of the front, and the hand should acquire the trick of taking in the whole front in a sort of double handful, without crushing it.

Few women like to climb stairs, and most women actually dread it. They will take a lift whenever it is available. When a woman goes upstairs she bends double. She literally climbs; she never walks up. Now this is the wrong way of managing affairs.

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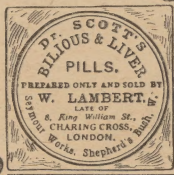
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